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THE BRIAN REPORT

by Brian Fell

Yeah, well I should have written earlier about the first year elections, the computer committee, the facilities committee, the social committee, the Quid Novi, etc. etc. but I couldn't seem to find time. Then something happened. The Constitutional Quid came out. I knew it was time to take drastic action. Do we really have our heads so far in the sand that we ignore the REAL issues of today? No one seems to notice that YKK has a virtual monopoly in the world zipper market. No one cares that you can't order a Macho Salad in any restaurant around here. No one's talking

about Primal Slide-Rule. What's happened to our priorities? Anyway, I tend to treat all the major issues of today in this edition of the Brian Report. This is a hands-on edition where you too can participate as you will see shortly.

LESETUDIANTS EN 1ERE ANNEE:

Oui, si tu ne les as pas remarqués, ils sont arrivés. Pas mal fins et ils ne prennent pas trop de place non plus. Je les ai rencontrés dans la 3e semaine dans mon rôle de président des élections. Je leur ai dit combien il était important de s'impliquer dans la vie politique de cette faculté et que c'était «le fun» de faire

partie de l'AED. Ils étaient tellement impressionés et motivés par ma présentation qu'à la fermeture des nominations il y avait un candidat en B.C.L. et un en LL.B. Mais on a fini par avoir une bonne campagne et une élection stimulante. Il y a eu un mouvement parmi les LL.B. I. Certains se sont rebellés et ont voté pour les 2 candidats mais ils n'étaient pas assez nombreux pour créer une nouvelle mode. J'ai quelques conseils pour toute la gang en 1ère année: si les concepts de droit vous semblent illogiques, il faut simplement que vous commenciez à penser illogiquement. Il n'y a rien là.

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Environmentally sound reflexions

by Karine Morin, BCL II

One of last week's article was a rave review of the Environmental Law Conference. While I wouldn't want in any way to deny its success, nor would I want to criticize the work that was put into it by the Environmental Law Association, I am nevertheless left with a deep feeling of dissatisfaction. It seems to me that law students are quite capable of organizing and hosting such conferences, and this one's scope was truly ambitious. However, it seems law

students are either slow learners (and I don't think we would be here if such were the case) or else, are really lazy or finally, are quite stubborn and hypocritical. This might not be a characteristic that pertains solely to law students, but also to a great portion of our society when it comes to the environment.

What is the point? Well, let me just ask why so much energy goes into the theory of things and never into a practicality of things? Why is it that, while we can Cont'd on p.9

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ANNONCES

REVUE DE DROIT McGILL LAW JOURNAL - Volume 35 (3) is now available at Sadie's.

SOQUIJ/QUICKLAW - Nouvelles de QL et SOQUIJ: Tous(tes) les étudiant(e)s qui détenaient un numéro de SOQUIJ l'an dernier peuvent maintenant utiliser SOQUIJ, avec le même mot de passe et aux mêmes conditions que l'an dernier (heures d'accès: 18h00-22h00 les jours de semaine, 8h00-17h00 le samedi). QL is also available to students who had a contract last year, with the same password and under the same conditions. For more info, contact Pierre Larouche in Rm. 52, OCDH, or 398-6666, ext. 5372 (afternoons only).

WOMEN & THE LAW/INSTITUTE OF COMPARATIVE LAW - present the 2nd of this year's Annie MacDonald Langstaff Workshops Lecture Series. Visiting Professor of law at Harvard Univ., Frances Olson will speak on «The Sex of Law», Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 12h00 (noon) in Rm. 202. Copies of Prof. Olson's other writings are currently on reserve in the library in the Annie MacDonald Langstaff file.

THOMAS MOORE DISCUSSION GROUP - meeting on Friday, Nov. 9th at 1h00 p.m. in room 203. This week's reading is chapter 1 of The Needs of Strangers by Michael Ignatieff, and is available either in the Thomas Moore box at the L.S.A. office or through Jon Quaglia (BCL III).

FOURTH ANNUAL NATAN SHARANSKY LECTURESHIP IN HUMAN RIGHTS - Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, one of the most celebrated scholar-advocates of our day, and whom TIME Magazine called «the top lawyer of last resort in the country...a sort of judicial St. Jude», will deliver this year's Fourth Natan Sharansky Lectureship in Human Rights. The Lecture will take place on Tuesday, November 6th at 5:00 p.m. in the Moot Court on the topic of «Whem Rights Collide - Freedom of Speech and the Rights of Vulnerable Minorities».

BOOKSTORE - The Bookstore is now closed. It will re-open on January 8th 1991. The new bookstore manager is Amanda Bross. Brett Code will be assisting her throughout the year. Though it is closed for sales, the Bookstore still requires some volunteer assistance to pack and unpack boxes, to do some minor data entry and to order materials for next semester. Anyone interested in helping out should call Brett either at home or at the Bookstore. Thanks. It's been a pleasure serving

COMPUTING CENTRE - The centre is open for use but at your own risk! Read instructions carefully and pray. No help can or will be supplied by the Compouter Committee.

Exchange madness

by Brian Fell and Jonathan Burnham (Nat. II)

Hey kids! Interested in broadening your legal horizons in other institutions? So are we. In pursuing this end, we sent a letter to Deans Morrissette and Boodman. The following are extracts from this letter:

«Having completed our first year of studies at the Faculty of Law of McGill University we now can better appreciate the strenghts of this institution. Whether in the field of international human rights, constitutional matters, or ethical and legal questions in medecine, the professors, students and graduates of the Faculty of Law have consistently been at the forefront of public debate.

Nous suggérons qu'une bonne façon d'accomplir ce but serait d'encourager davantage les échanges étudiants entre notre Faculté et celles d'autres universités à travers le Canada et le monde. Ceci permettrait non seulement à certains étudiants de profiter de la richesse qu'apporte l'étude d'une autre perspective légale et sociale, mais permettrait aussi aux étudiants d'ici d'être en contact avec des représentants de d'autres pays et cultures.

The existing exchange program with the University of Laval in Québec and the University of Aix-en-Provence in France is a good starting point. In order to expand the range of options, we propose to take certain steps. A support group of students, perhaps themselves interested in doing an exchange, would compile a library of literature about various compatible faculties and a list of

contact people at those institutions. British Columbia, Louisiana, Scotland, Belgium and Australia are several examples of other jurisdictions with whom productive exchange programs could be established. Information would be presented to students both at McGill and at other faculties of the possibility of participating in such exchanges. Help would also be available regarding the technical requirements of studying elsewhere, such as visas, vaccinations, or determining course equivalency.

Il nous semble que ce type d'échange convient particulièrement bien à la Faculté de Droit de McGill. Tout d'abord, les échanges avec d'autres facultés de juridictions différentes complémenteraient l'orientation comparative et internationale de notre faculté. D'un côté plus pratique, les étudiants de la Faculté de Droit de McGill sont bien placés pour participer à de tels échanges puisque la plupart d'entre eux parlent au moins deux langues et ont une base dans deux systèmes juridiques, ce qui leur permettrait de s'intégrer plus facilement.»

La réaction des doyens a été largement positive. Ils sont d'accord qu'une banque d'information à ce sujet serait très utile. Cependant, la responsabilité de s'assurer que toutes les exigences techniques (équivalence de cours, visas...) sont remplies incombe aux étudiants intéressés.

If you are interested in being part of our dynamic group, or have information that would be helpful to us, please come to room 202 on Wednesday, November 7 at 12:00.

Skit-Night Update

by Seth Dalfen, Nat. IV

Plans are already underway towards making this year's Skit Night the best ever. For «first years» who are in the dark, Skit Night is a show put on by law students spoofing law and our school, held annually in mid-March. In addition to being a showcase for many otherwise hidden talents in law school, the impressive amount of money raised in conjunction with Skit Night is put to excellent use through donations to Chez Doris and The Old Brewery Mission.

In previous years, Skit Night has essentially taken the form of a variety show. This year's Skit Night Committee has decided to modify this by adding Some structure to the show. A Writing Committee will «map out» some type of plot for Skit Night. With this skeleton, the writers will then solicit skits from the general student body and ensure that the skits submitted fit into the overall flow of the show. The Writers' Committee will hold its <u>first official meeting</u> this Wednesday, November 7th, at noon, in room 203. The Committee is being chaired by Jim O'Brien and all interested students are encouraged to attend this brainstorming session.

Also in connection with Skit Night, all those interested in getting involved in a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's «Trial by Jury» should leave a note at SAO to the attention of Judy Knight, or contact Seth Dalfen at 735-6940.

À propos de la «troisième voie»...

par Jean L. Schere, PhD. - Institut de Droit Comparé

Dans le débat quasi-surréaliste qui secoue le Québec actuellement, il est coutume de présenter trois options possibles pour résoudre le malaise ambiant, bien réel il est vrai même pour un observateur étranger, et les problèmes, imaginaires, névrotiques, qui sont à la base de la contestation: le statu quo fédéraliste, la souveraineté-association l'indépendance. S'il n'existe assurément aucune difficulté intellectuelle à saisir les tenants et les aboutissants de la première et de la troisième option, il n'en va pas de même avec la seconde qui s'apparente à l'auberge espagnole en ce sens qu'on y apporte ce que l'on veut, ce qui ne facilite pas le débat idéologique. En effet, la souveraineté-association peut signifier soit l'indépendance totale du Québec associé au reste du Canada au sein d'une vaste zone de libre-échange du type de l'AELE (EFTA), soit l'existence d'un Québec souverain lié au reste du Canada par un accord de type marché commun comme en Europe. Dans ce dernier cas, la notion de souveraineté n'a plus aucun sens dans la mesure où il ne peut exister

FORUM DE L'AED/LSA SUR L'AVENIR CONSTITUTIONNEL DU QUÉBEC

Le mercredi 24 octobre, une séance de discussion sur l'avenir politique et constitutionnel du Québec a eu lieu à la Faculté. On n'a pas fait beaucoup de bruit... Peut-on en déduire qu'il n'y a pas de problème? Était-ce un manque d'intérêt ou un manque de temps? Malgré une invitation personnelle adressée à chacun d'eux, seul le professeur de Mestral s'est joint à nous.

Les grandes lignes du débat étaient les suivantes:

de marché commun sans transfert de souveraineté, en particulier dans le domaine monétaire, véritable clé de voûte de l'ensemble. À partir du moment où l'on accepte une monnaie commune, on se doit d'accepter une banque centrale commune et donc une politique commune des taux d'intérêt, ce qui entraîne automatiquement la création d'un parlement commun sans lequel il ne peut y avoir de contrôle démocratique de la politique économique et financière des décisions bureaucratiques.

Des trois droits régaliens fondant la souveraineté d'un État, savoir: le droit de battre monnaie, la diplomatie et la défense, il est facile de voir que dans le monde actuellement en train de se former, la monnaie, i.e. le pouvoir économique et financier, jouera un rôle de plus en plus prédominant aux dépens des deux autres (dans la mesure évidemment où l'on prêt à accepter que la menace de guerre en Europe disparaît à Dans cette optique, la l'horizon). souveraineté-association se trouve rapidement vidée de sa substance souverainiste, car tout un chacun acceptera aisément, sauf pour les ignorants et les idéologues malhonnêtes plus soucieux de satisfaire leur besoin de pouvoir que de servir le bien public, que la diplomatie et la défense devront être aussi mises en commun afin d'assurer la

sécurité et la prospérité de l'ensemble économique nouvellement créé. Nous serons revenus à l'option fédérale, même si celle-ci a besoin d'être rafraichie.

À cet égard, je ne comprends pas pourquoi la commission d'étude mise en place par le gouvernement provincial ne se met pas à étudier sérieusement le système suisse et les autres régimes fédéraux afin de voir quelle forme devrait prendre le néo-fédéralisme canadien. L'association de type libre-échangiste ne répond plus aux réalités du monde moderne sauf à court terme et comme étape vers un marché commun comme semble le montrer l'exemple européen face aux défis posés par la création du marché unique en 1993 et l'Europe politique en 1994 comme cela paraît se dessiner. Devant cette extraordinaire renaissance de l'Europe en cette fin du XXème siècle, on a beaucoup de mal à comprendre «la conduite d'échec», véritable névrose collective, qui saisit le Québec et qui le fait entrer dans une ère de régression dans tous les sens du terme. L'argument que cette régression au sens psychanalitque du terme est une étape nécessaire pour renouer avec le reste du Canada est par trop fallacieux pour qu'on s'y attarde outre mesure. Cet argument est à ranger dans le sottisier du débat souverainiste.

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- la souveraineté <u>ou</u> un fédéralisme rénové?

- l'importance relative des droits individuels et collectifs dans la société québécoise et canadienne?

- l'indépendance: démarche d'affirmation nationale en réaction à l'absence historique d'égalité entre deux peuples fondateurs ou démagogie et aveuglement, au nom d'identité culturelle, à la valeur d'institutions hors-Québec?

- l'invocation des injustices du passé: justification pour certaines mesures politiques et législatives <u>ou</u> entrave à la liberté d'un peuple voulant établir un plan de société en vertu de ce qu'il veut et non de ce qu'il veut rejeter?

Le comité <u>ad hoc</u> sur l'avenir politique et constitutionnel tient à remercier ceux et celles qui ont participé au débat, ainsi que l'équipe du <u>Ouid Novi</u> qui nous a prêté volontiers ses pages et son encouragement. Merci!

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Computers: Why the system is failing us

by Brian Gelfand, BCL III

Those of you who use the computers in room 204 have no doubt noticed that something is wrong. Only four out of ten PCs work. There is no software for the Macintosh computers. Now even the network has broken down, and we are forced to resort to a complicated disk-switching technique for running Wordperfect on the computers: Wordperfect was not designed to function in this way.

Since you all pay for these computers, whether you use them or not, you are owed an explanation. Here it is.

1. Hardware: The computer committee owns 4 Macintosh & 10 PC clones. We have 2 laser printers, several dot matrix printers, and a Packard Bell 286 server. Our major problem is age. The old laser is on its last legs; we therefore bought a new one that works beautifully. The other dot matrix printers work to most people's satisfaction. Our major headache is the computers themselves. Four of the PCs are in the shop to have defective disk drives repaired. Two have defective system boards. There is no doubt that there will be more technical problems after these are resolved. The computers are old, they have been subjected to heavy use, and sometimes abuse. They are also not of the highest quality. In fact, one might even say that the peripherals (drives, keyboards) that break the most often are of inferior quality. The reason for this is obvious quality costs money. We don't have money.

The Macintosh computers generally work, despite their age. The mice are sticky, sometimes the drives complain, but they are prone to far fewer problems. They are units of a much higher quality than that of our clones. We don't suplly

software because we don't have any. We used to supply illegal copies for student use. It is our current policy to stay within the guidelines of the Criminal Code. The Macs will eventually be linked up to the network, which will obviate the software problem.

2. Software

The PCs are intended to run on our Packard Bell 286 server, using a Novell Local Area Network. This means that all of the PCs are wired to the server, which acts as a big disk drive, storing software and feeding it to the PCs on demand. Well, we have several major problems with our Novell system. First, it was never set up properly. No one on the computer committee knows how to use it properly, and no one has the time to learn. Running a network takes a great deal of training and effort. No one is willing to make the commitment to do this properly. It is virtually a full time job. Second, even if someone could run it, we cannot currently alter the defective setup.

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Pour conclure, il faut que les choses soient claires, il n'y a que deux options possibles: le fédéralisme modifié et l'indépendance. Toute autre option n'est qu'un salmigondis mitonné par des politiciens destiné à tromper les gogos pour accaparer le pouvoir, une escroquerie intellectuelle perpétrée par des gens très intelligents qui savent fort bien qu'une fois au pouvoir les faits détermineront la politique et non le contraire. En face du vrai défi qui se pose au continent Nord-Américain dans son ensemble, à savoir la création d'un marché commun entre le Canada, les USA et le Mexique. Le Québec devrait comprendre que seul un Canada intégré pourra faire entendre sa voix et avoir une chance d'influencer la construction de ce nouvel ensemble.

Jim's Corner: The Art of Self-Defense

by James Hughes, BCL III

It was early on a Wednesday morning. Maybe too early as you'll see. The class was filling up as usual. Papers were shuffling and the regular questions were being asked: got an extra pen I could borrow ('til January)?

Can I have a sip of your coffee?

The prof had been one of the first to arrive and seemed slightly dismayed, if not quite a bit aggravated, by the fact that he was unable to get things underway until at least ten past. It wasn't an auspicious beginning to a class that was to become a Wednesday-from-Hell.

So, we're about halfway through the first hour and someone asks the prof to repeat (I think for the 3rd time) the reasoning in a certain case. The temperature rose.

And then it happened. I put my hand up. I was recognized by the prof. The words started coming out of my mouth. And then, I realized I was asking a stupid question. Not the stupidest question ever asked, mind you, but reasonably stupid by any standard. I'd give a seven on ten

on the stupid scale. By this time, I had reached the point of no return: finish the question or pull the old «Oh, I think I've just explained it to myself» deal. In retrospect, I think I should have gone for the latter approach. But I didn't. I pressed on, descending further and further into the pit of stupidity.

The prof attacked. It was not a malicious or arbitrary rebuttal. Hey, I'd asked the question, I deserved an answer to go along with it. The prof thus suggested that the answer he had repeated for the third time a moment earlier was also the answer to my question. He also suggested that a good chunk of the previous class had been used up to deal with my query. As a friend said later: «Facejob».

Now, the whole episode lasted no more than two minutes. You remember Andy Warhol's statement that everyone gets 15 minutes of glory during their lifetime. Here's the Jim's Corner correlative to that: everyone gets two minutes of pure, unfiltered embarrassment during their law school carreer.

Of course, it wasn't actually that bad. It's not like I farted or anything. And my embarrassment was minimized, I believe, due to my training in the art of stupid question self-defense.

I realized after asking my question that an explanatory follow-up would be akin to Marie-Antoinette's statement «Let them eat cake». I was dealing with a very knowledgeable prof, very early in the day and in a class that had started late. These are three factors that helped me to realize my plight.

My «quiet-nod» response was definitely the way to go. A «vindictive» response, one indicting the prof for lack of respect and intolerance, was not called for but could have been employed if he had actually described my question for what it was: stupid. The truth is no defense in classroom politics.

A couple more self-defense tips: 1) have confidence and ask a question on another case or topic if you see the opening - people will quickly forget the stupid question; 2) never leave the class after your error - suck it up and sit there, even if you get a nose-bleed; 3) minimize sneezing, throat-clearing, coughing and other bodily functions that may bring attention to yourself.

And remember: law firms never ask how many stupid questions you asked at law school. Know how to protect yourself-learn the art of self-defense. [P.S. Speaking of which: To the Levitan man, I owe you a Tuesday sushi, baby!].

that we law students are nothing more than a bunch of sniveling, status-hungry opportunists. LSA's motives are surely genuine, and the plan in itself is far from unreasonable. However, the proposal poses a serious public relations problem. And while LSA could not have chosen a better and more reassuring spokesperson than Marie Lussier (laudably shrewd strategy), alas such tactics do not go far enough to blunt those negative perceptions that this proposal will inevitably stir. Remember:perception is everything. A proposed reform must not only be good; it must look good.

We propose that the key to resolving this dilemma lies in picking a cause Cont'd on p.8

DUBIOUS DISTINCTIONS

by Colin D. Chang, Nat. IV

Hats off to Marie Lussier and the Law Students Association for their proposal to reform the class honours system. As the idea put forth is so eminently sensible, far be it for us to denigrate it. However, a sound and healthy debate on the issue can only obtain when all the options are canvassed thoroughly. In that light we thought we'd put our poison pens to work in articulating an alternative proposal.

Bear in mind, however, that more is at stake than mere bookkeeping for ego gratification. Career law students (particularly those with the excruciating patience demanded by the national programme) are forever dodging accusations of self-centredness. It is widely perceived that we would-be hotshots are only in it for ourselves, for the money, for the prestige and the cottage. Surely LSA's proposed lowering of the academic threshold for first-class honours from a 3.5 GPA to a 3.3 GPA can only reinforce the unfortunate perception

Letter to the editors

by Rob Frank, BCL III

How's this for the moral dilemma of the week?:

You're an editor of a law school newspaper (say the <u>Quid Novi</u>). You receive various submissions from an author who believes his or her material is entertaining. As an editor you feel that the submission may offend some people in the faculty. Your newspaper is well known for having many serious articles, but has occasionally (or perhaps constantly) been criticized for lacking any "light" reading. What do you do?

Wow! some dilemma. You decide not to publish any of the material. You wouldn't want to offend anyone. You say to yourself that you have no right to put in articles that are demeaning to members of the faculty, or the public for that matter. Lawyers aren't known for appreciating

humour anyway. Besides, someone might actually take this article seriously and be offended by it.

Has the editor made the correct decision? I don't think so. It is true that articles which are submitted to a newspaper should not be printed as of right. Nevertheless the editorial board should not be substituting its judgment for that of the readers in cases where an article is not clearly offensive, or discriminatory. I don't doubt that submissions can be made, even sometimes with good intentions, that cannot be published because they will hurt certain groups or individuals. However before an article is banished from a newspaper I would ask its editors to ask themselves a few questions. (The following are simply illustrations of what an editor might ask him/herself):

-has the article been signed by the author so that he or she can be held accountable for his/her writings? -does the article promote stereotypes?

-does the article attack a minority or other group which has been historically discriminated against?; or is the article simply poking fun at someone (or some group) in the faculty? -if the article is making fun of some someone or some group, is it meant in jest? is it clear that it is meant as a joke?

-is the person or group of persons in a position to respond to the article if unhappy with it?

-can an editorial comment be placed before or after the article explaining the editorial board's feelings about the article and inviting readers to comment on the article?

As someone who has made a number of efforts to submit material to our own Quid Novi which I (and those around me) have found entertaining and harmless, only to have it rejected out of hand by the editorial board, I feel the time has come to make this editorial board (and future ones) accountable for decisions to not allow articles in the Quid. I feel that if an article is to be rejected for editorial reasons the author should be contacted and given an explanation of the board's decision. At least in this way the author will have an idea as to what prompted the rejection and if the reasons seem unsatisfactory, he or she can pursue the matter further.

I find it somewhat ironic that in a faculty of law student-run newspaper one must question whether one has the freedom of expression.

Editorial reply

by Jean-Philippe Gervais Editor-in-chief

A few weeks ago, we published an article entitled «Getting serious», which deplored the absence of «light» material from the pages of the <u>Quid Novi</u>. This week, another student, Rob Frank, raises the same concerns, as outlined in the piece reproduced above. However, in expressing these concerns, Mr. Frank goes further and accuses the editorial board of somehow discriminating against him in some way or other. Consequently, as editor of the <u>Quid</u>, I have decided it's time to set the record straight about a few misconceptions of the <u>Quid</u> which seem to be shared by a small group of students in the Faculty.

First of all: is there a <u>Quid</u> policy concerning the rejection of articles? The answer is that no such policy exists as such, given the fact that during the last year and half, an impressive total of <u>four submissions</u> (approx. 4 pages in all) were not published. In each of these circumstances, at least <u>10 or 12 people</u> read the pieces in question and gave their appreciation. In all of these cases, the final decision not to publish was unanimous. One could thus hardly accuse the editorial board of rejecting any articles «out of hand».

However, Mr. Frank raises another point by expressing the wish to be «...contacted and given an explanation of the Board's decision». This way, he would have «...an idea as to what prompted the rejection...» and could find out the reason for

rejection.

Well, the fact of the matter is that to the best of my knowledge, in all of those four cases, the authors were personally contacted and had the decision fully explained to them. Let us now examine each of these cases in turn.

The most recent rejection concerned a «Top-10 list of the worst pickup lines». Granted, it elicited a few chuckles from those who first read it. However, after listening to the opinions of a good 10 or 12 persons, we came to the conclusion that the piece in question contained some regrettably sexist statements that served to perpetuate attitudes which shouldn't be encouraged. By reaching this conclusion, the Quid board didn't feel it was chastising in any way the author, because it is quite understandable that the implications of something written on the spur of the moment may not have been measured by the author and that at that time, it was really funny. The author was thus informed of these reasons for non-publication.

The previous rejection, which dates back to early September of this year, involved a two-page written introduction to some photocopied material taken out a book. Now, I understand once again, that a student may run across something that strikes him or her as particularly funny or interesting, but, as I explained to one of the authors, the Quid Novi's fundamental raison d'être is to serve as the outlet for the students' creativity. notwithstanding the quality of already-published material, submissions of this sort would only be used in the advent of a serious shortage of original pieces submitted by the students. This guideline is in my opinion particularly important if we want the Quid to have any relevance whatsoever in the social life of this Faculty.

Now, as for the two other rejections, which date back to October 1989 and involved Mr. Frank, they consisted of two group efforts taking the form once again of «Top-10 lists». Since I wasn't editor-inchief at the time, I did not contact the authors personally to inform them that their submission wouldn't be printed, but if I remember our board meetings correctly, the pieces were rejected not for being offensive or somehow «harmful», but rather just because they weren't funny. I of course understand that Mr. Frank's and my own sense of humor may differ greatly and that I can't impose mine on his, but when 10 different people come to this conclusion, I'm afraid the author must just accept that what he found funny while chatting with his friends just isn't funny when read in another context.

This also brings up another point that I want to mention: the <u>Quid Novi</u> is not the place for inside-jokes which only a couple of people in the Faculty will get. The <u>Quid</u> is not just one group's publication, but the whole Faculty's, and as such, authors should try to write articles that people who aren't in their immediate group of friends will be able to understand and appreciate.

Mr. Frank also suggests some questions the editors should ask themselves before rejecting an article. I can personally reassure him in this regard: with just four rejections in a year and a half, you can be sure we're careful about taking such decisions. In all of those four cases, a unanimous decision was reached, and I can only say that I'm sorry he was affected by this decision, but also, I must state that I would make the same decisions today if I had to. In all of these circumstances, the authors were encouraged to submit more substantial efforts to the Quid, and assured that barring any profound

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objection, they would be published. Our track record attests to the honesty of such a statement, and I hope convinces Mr. Frank that no article is «banished» from the pages of the <u>Quid</u> without serious thought being given over to the matter.

In this regard, I must mention that since October 1989, Mr. Frank has yet to submit one word to the Quid Novi. To the extent that his «numerous contributions» consist of twenty lines written over a year ago, I fail to see how he could be the victim of any kind of mistreatment inflicted on him by the board.

Finally, Mr. Frank also raises the question of the <u>Quid Novi's</u> alleged «seriousness», an issue which was also the focus of a previous complaint published in issue #8 of the <u>Quid</u> («Getting serious»).

The fact of the matter is that the Quid Novi has published since the beginning of the year a number of very substantive and well-written articles concerning different social, legal and political issues. Of course, these pieces could be easily qualified as «serious», but I prefer to consider them well-articulated, high-quality submissions, coming from people who considered it was important to them to take a few hours of their time to write an article and submit it for publication. Now, I understand that you can't run through them in 2 minutes, but I strongly believe that if you took the time to read these pieces, you would discover interesting and thought-provoking comments and observations. To deplore the publication of such articles is basically to accuse these authors of being boring and uninteresting people. That is a suggestion which I consider unacceptable, especially given the fact that if all the «funny» people in the Faculty devoted as much time as the «serious» people do to the preparation of their articles, the editors of the Quid Novi would be in editorial Heaven!

Ultimately, a point needs to be stressed: the <u>Quid Novi</u> only publishes what it receives. So if you consider the material currently published lacks in any regard, it's entirely up to you to fill the void. So far, we've published articles dealing with political and ethical questions, the Montréal cultural scene, events of interest taking place in the Faculty, and, yes, some «lighter» pieces describing the absurdities and trials of everyday life.

Three weeks ago, the <u>Quid Novi</u> was accused of being «solemn». This week, we read that «...lawyers aren't know for appreciating humor anyway». I suggest to you that both pieces missed the point: lawyers, like everyone else, enjoy a good laugh, but to laugh, there's got to be something funny to laugh about.

I find it somewhat ironic that in a Faculty of Law, you have to explain that just because you can freely express your thoughts, there's no obligation resting on those who hear or read those thoughts to find humor or even interest in them. Thoughts, like

everything else made public, are submitted for the appreciation of others. Ultimately, their author must be ready to accept that appreciation. That's what freedom of expression is all about.

Pumping with Brutus?

by Jordan Waxman LL.B III

Do you have radical cuts? Six-pack abs? Can you make your pecs dance... the can-can? Guys, do you have a bigger cup size than your girlfriends?

If you answered in the «negatory» to any of these questions, you need to follow the Brutus guide to maximum pumpitude. This serious program will carve you out, while helping you attain Wrestlemania proportions.

Let me highlight some alternative strategies for weight training so that you may choose the program to fit your needs. You may feel that something other than the Brutus Method is right for your particular goals. Hey, I won't be offended ... I'm a flexible kind of guy.

- 1. The power / bulk strategy. This involves muscle isolation and concentration using high weight and few repetitions per set (i.e., < 6). Advantages: if done right, with proper diet and safety, leads to high bulk, muscle definition ("cuts") and explosive power. Also, by isolating 1 or 2 muscle groups per workout, can be done on a daily basis. Disadvantages: decreased flexibility, no cardio-vascular workout - that is, no converting oxygen to energy - greater risk of injury and the tendency is to recruit auxiliary muscles and use momentum to move the weight rather than isolate the muscle ("cheating"), thus leading to inefficiency. Applications: this strategy is good for front-line football, sprints and beachcombing.
- 2. The endurance/toning strategy. This method involves full-range motion exercises, usually in a circuit-training design, with low weights and high repetitions per set (i.e., >10). Advantages: overall firmness or "toning" of the body, some cardiovascular workout, good traning for most sports, low risk of injury, good for flexibility. Disadvantages: not much muscle definition, bulk or strength - i.e., it takes longer to increase your weight load. Also, if done on a cricuit-type rotation, this program fatigues the whole body, thus can be done only a maximum of 3-4 times per week. Of course, this may be an advantage to some, but will not get you onto the WWF scene. Applications: most sports, and some say leads to better sex.
- 3. The Brutus Method: Kuzy dubbed me "Brutus" in first year and I have strived to maintain the connotations of this super-hero moniter. I must confess that five years ago when I swam varsity, and well before espousing The Brutus Method, I

was twenty pounds lighter and had a higher body fat content. Uggh! Well, enough nostagia. Let us begin.

This strategy involves isolating two muscle groups per workout: day 1: chest and biceps, day 2: back and triceps, and day 3: shoulders and legs. Abdominals and lower back are done every workout. Repetitions are limited to 9 and rarely drop below 5. Each muscle group undergoes 3 - 5 exercises at 4-5 sets per exercise, working the muscle to its highest intensity in a full range of motion.

One twist that this strategy has, compared to traditional «start low—finish high» set progressions is that the first set is done using a comfortable weight, the second set is done using a comfortable weight; the second set is done using your maximum weightload for the exercise, then the next 2 or 3 sets work back down to the comfortable weight. This procedure allows for more repetitions and less «cheating» at maximum weight, more recruitment of motor units and a fuller fatigue of the muscle. The more muscle fibre breakdown during exercise, the more definition and bulk upon repair (accomplished chiefly by high protein diet and muscular rest).

Advantages: strength, definition and power maximized while flexibility maintained. Weightload increases steadily and workouts can be enjoyed daily. Good for most sports and late-night activity - i.e. lambada and other disadvantages: it may be hard for beginners to know their maximum weight on the second set. Hence, accustomization to exercises and weights - perhaps initially through progressive weightloading - is key for novices.

Some <u>caveats</u>: first, for overall fitness, all weightlifting strategies should be combined with regular cardio-vascular activity - for example, running, swimming, rowing, marathon lovemaking or cycling.

Secondly, safety is paramount in the weight room. This includes adequate stretching (most gyms are equipped with wallguides to stretching), wearing a weight belt, and having a spotter. Take your time and do it right.

Finally, you are what you eat. You can either become a fleischbag or a steaming bo-hunk/hunkette. Fad diets are for money-grubbing whiners like Oprah. The «four food groups» is a simple yet effective way to get what you need - add extra protein on workout days. Egg whites are highest in protein - with little fat or cholesterol (eaten raw of course!) - and tofu and cheese are low in protein, the latter also high in fat. Lean meats are cool if you are not a vegetablinarian. Incidentally, I was one five years ago.

This is by no means a complete guide to weight training strategy or the Right Path to Livelihood, but it does provide the stone from which you may chisel your personal body sculpture.

Make it work for you. Aaargh! Brutus.

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Moi, j'ai commencé à vraiment me synchroniser avec le droit à la fin d'octobre l'année passée, lorsque j'ai eu un accident de bicyclette et que je suis tombé sur la tête sans casque. J'ai subi une commotion cérébrale et passé quelques heures à l'hôpital, mais le lendemain, tout ce que disaient les profs avait tellement de bon sens! Morale: ne résistez pas. On va finir par vous avoir, donc, épargnez-vous la douleur. Et finalement, paniquez tout de suite pour les examens, évitez le «rush» en décembre. Hé, les 1ères années, répondez aux questions et laissez-les à mon bureau de l'AED.

First-year student opinion poll:

I thought the first year presidential elections were run:

- a) professionally;
- b) adequately;
- c) horribly;
- d) elections, what elections?
- e) all of the above.

I have so far found my experience at law school to be:

- a) stimulating;
- b) umm...
- c) frustrating;
- d) castrating;
- e) forward my mail to:

My favorite part of Montréal is:

- a) rue St-Denis/Crescent St.
- b) Le Vieux Montréal/Old Westmount
- c) rue St-Laurent/St. Lawrence St.
- d) Supreme Court Reports
- e) Utah.

The Facilities Committee:

My cohort, Vincent Lesage and I have no idea how we came to be on this committee but here we are. Our major job is to rip down outdated posters and notices but we are happy to delegate this

to anyone who, at any given time, feels the urge to let off some steam. Tearing things off walls is a great outlet for your accumulating frustrations. In fact, we leave some old notices up precisely for this reason. So, feel free. We are also mandated to change the air filters in the smokers' lounge but are waiting for our special training course.

Le Comité de l'informatique:

Nous sommes tout simplement des étudiants qui essaient de fournir un service aux autres étudiants. Tout le monde est bienvenu au comité, et ce n'est pas nécessaire d'avoir des connaissances en informatique pour en faire partie. Il suffit de s'intéresser un peu. Nous éprouvons des gros problèmes cette année mais le plus important est un manque d'argent. Si quelqu'un a de l'expérience dans la bureaucratie et a des idées comment on peut se procurer des fonds de l'université, s'il-vous-plaît venez nous voir! Mais parlons d'autres choses. On a un virus présentement dans le réseau mais on fait de notre mieux pour le guérir. Aussi, nous procéderons bientôt à l'achat des logiciels. Aideznous à préciser vos besoins en remplissant le coupon et en le laissant dans notre case postale dans le bureau de l'AED.

Computer committee poll:

I use:

- a) IBM-type machines
- b) Macintosh
- c) I want to learn on any machine

For word processing I prefer:

Other software suggestions:

How to raise \$ for the above:

A New Club:

A grass-roots organisation named «Law Students For Improving the Financial Situation of B. Fell (LSFIFSBF)» has appeared in the Faculty. I have not joined this club (despite its worthy cause) to avoid allegations of conflict of interest. Students wishing to join should contact president-elect Michael Morris (LLB III). Mr. Morris is presently considering launching legal proceedings against the Social Committe for denying the club a Coffee House to raise awareness (and money) for their most honorable raison d'être.

Sondage B. Fell:

I believe that B. Fell is:

- a) the reason the universe exists;
- b) a concept worth risking life and credit limit for:
- c) worthy of all my money;
- d) kinda funky;
- e) all of the above («««HINT)

I enclose a cheque in the amount of (and/or)

Visa/Mastercard/American Express

La mise en pratique:

Vous voulez montrer au monde votre habileté en tant que plaideur? Je vous offre l'occasion de mettre ce talent à l'épreuve. J'ai reçu récemment une contravention de la police de Montréal pour avoir brûlé un feu rouge. Avant d'aller en cour, j'ai le droit de leur envoyer les explications qui seront analysées par un procureur qui retirera la plainte si mes excuses sont bien présentées Voici les faits:

Le 28/05/90, 14:35, ciel dégagé, chaussée sèche. Je roulais en direction nord sur l'avenue Papineau, une auto me suivant de près. J'approchais de la rue Mont-Royal lorsque la lumière vira au jaune. Je jetai un coup d'oeil dans le rétroviseur, parcouru l'horizon du regard pour apercevoir des piétons, et conclut

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qu'il serait plus dangereux d'arrêter sec que de continuer. La lumière était toujours jaune au moment où je traversai l'intersection.

Histoire personnelle: expérience de conduite de plusieurs années dans plusieurs pays en Amérique du Nord et en Europe, conducteur d'ambulance pendant 4 ans, détenteur d'un «Certificat de Compétence en Conduite Préventive et d'Urgence» (formation donnée aux techniciens ambulanciers).

Assemblez ces faits dans un bon argument (max.: 1 page) et remettez-le moi. La meilleure réponse sera envoyée à la Ville de Montréal et aussi au <u>Ouid Novi</u>. Tout le monde (y compris les professeurs et les concierges) ont le droit de participer à ce concours. Le (la) gagnant(e) aura droit à une bière au coffee house présentée par l'EDPASFBF (étudiants en droit pour l'amélioration de la situation financière de Brian Fell).

Out of Time:

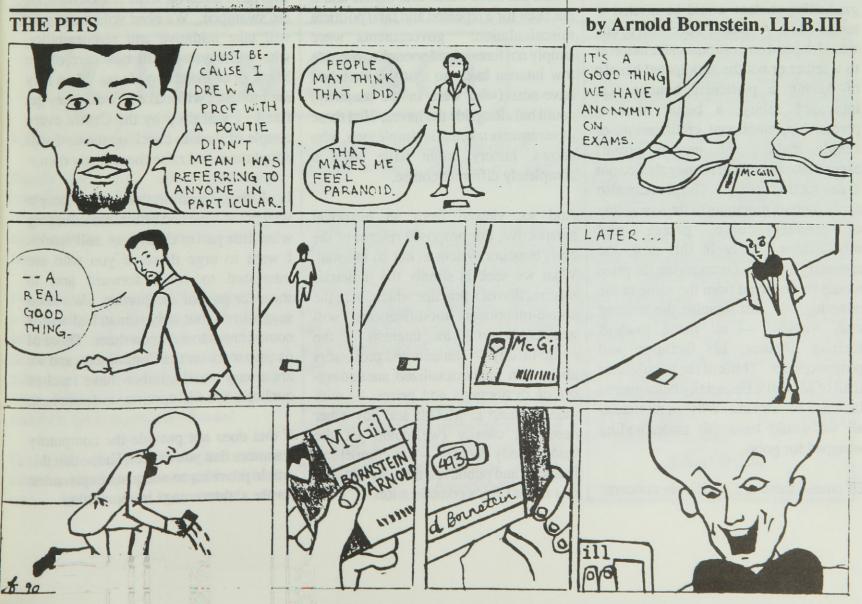
Sorry, friends, but preparation for my moot is impeding on the time I can spend writing about all these hot issues. Tune in next time when subjects will include: realizing sexual fantasies behind the barat coffee house, scandale chez Sadie's, pledging to write a non-constitutional and non-language article for the Quid, l'achat des condoms en vrac (et la possibilité de les recycler), the LSA phone book catastrophe, why you should never arrive late for commencement of the fall term. Until then keep your head up, nose clean, chest out, chin up, eyes peeled, ears open, mouth shut, elbows sharpened (oops, think I'll stop there).

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organize such a conference, we still print more copies of the <u>Quid</u> than will ever be read, therefore wasting substantial amounts of paper, that while there is a bin to recycle cans (and one is hardly enough), there isn't one for glass bottles, that we still pay only 5c more for styrofoam cups while no one should even be allowed to use them, etc.? The list could go on and on, as the ways to

promote environmentally conscious behaviour are infinite.

This is not an attack on any particular group or club or individual. But again, if the needed cooperation could be attained to organize the conference, surely the LSA, the Environmental Law Association and QPIRG if needed, could work together in making our Faculty a more environmentally concerned one. Each attempt might not be 100% successful. Some might remember the shortage of casebooks which seemed to have been partly due to someone's effort to avoid wasting paper. But small communities like ours can make a difference. So please, take a few extra steps to put that empty can in the cafeteria bin, bring a spoon to school which you can wash rather than wasting plastic ones, demand that all Faculty correspondence be sent to you on recycled paper, or even bike to school, hoping that more changes will come our way. And may next year's conference be a true reflection of what we are committed to.



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unanimously regarded as noble and worthwhile and then adapting an honours scheme to advance it publicly. The cynical public are still suckers for a good human interest story. They will be so taken in by the sheer generosity of spirit, the public-mindedness, of McGill law students they once saw as greedy and uncaring that they will probably overlook a little indulgence on our parts in padding our nests. We have selected as a noble cause university underfunding. Like Mark Twain's proverbial weather, everybody talks about underfunding, but nobody does anything about it - until now, that is.

Which brings us to the new and innovative proposal that just might save the day. The idea is really very simple. Instead of awarding distinctions on the basis of merit (at best a hackneyed criterion), why not sell the honours in a student-wide auction? At the end of the academic year, a certain number of first and second class distinctions would be put on the auction block, and every graduating student would be invited to tender a bid. A student's decision to buy would depend on a rational calculation as to whether or not the anticipated benefit of having a particular honour (i.e. increased salary, a better shot at partnership, emotional gratification, or simply making the parents proud) exceeds the amount of money shelled out to pay for that honour. The plan can also apply mutatis mutandis to the aawarding undergraduate prizes scholarships. Only in this case, the monetary award accompanying the prize would be deducted from the value of the winning bid. Just imagine the reulting cash windfall — all going towards funding libraries, lab facilities, and professorships. Think of the possibilities if all of McGill's financially beleaguered faculties follow suit. Why, in no time at all we would have this underfunding whipped for good.

Of course there are justifiable concerns

that this scheme will favour affluent law students who would be able to outbid their impecunious brethren. We too believe that allowing this problem to go unremedied would be a glaring omission indicative of callous disregard and moral failure. Let there be no mistake about it: class struggle has no place in our faculty. So we propose that the faculty make availabe financial credits - low interest loans to be paid back over the course of a graduate's lucrative career. Of course, as any economics buff will tell you, combining low interest rates with high demand makes for an inflationary cocktail. Remember, though, that this just means more money for McGill's needy and deserving coffers.

Common law purists, for whom idle precedent is the lens through which all life is viewed and validated, can rest easy. The annals of history are bulging with examples of purchased nobility. The practice enabled a succession of kings and queens to finance military campaigns as well as all the trappings of regal ostentation. In fact, the system would not have fallen into disuse had it not been for a repeated and fatal political miscalculation: governments were simply not foresighted enough to provide low interest loans so that the wretched have-nots (who were in the majority) could bid alongside the haves. Had these governments taken this simple step, who knows, history might have taken a completely different course.

And so, viewed from an historical perspective, our proposed reform of the class honours system is not so unusual. What we seek is simply the judicious resurrection of a practice which, with the above-mentioned modifications, will generously serve the interests of the entire faculty — students and professors alike. An institutionalized auctioning-off of distinctions and prizes — with money going to McGill and any other deserving charity (we could let the student body decide) — has compelling financial and public relations advantages that merit LSA's consideration.

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This is because the disks which contain the necessary software are missing. Vanished. Without a trace. Last year's computer committee, in charge when the programs were installed, have no recollection of where the programs are. Since we cannot reconfigure the system, we cannot use it. It will remain idle until we can convince Novell to send us a new system. Don't hold your breath.

We inherited all of our problems. We have been trying to deal with them since August. We are doing our best. We thought that things were progressing until we encountered our fatal network problem last week, a problem that will not be resolved before next semester. In the best of all possible worlds, we would get new computers and a full time network supervisors. Short of that, we stagger from one crisis to another, applying band-aids and administering aspirin. One thing that would really help is greater student involvement. The small handful of Committee members who have taken on some responsibilities are swamped. We need volunteers who will take initiative and responsibility, who will say: «I will take care of the Macs, or of these two Macs. When they are broken, I will make sure that they get fixed. I will drop by the Centre every couple of days to check on them. I will adopt them and raise them as my own.»

In closing, I want to thank those people who put in time and effort into salvaging what little part of the system still works. I want to urge those of you who are interested to come forward and to shoulder part of the burden. We need suggestions, but only if matched with a commitment to act upon them. Those of us who work on the Committee - and we are a very small number- have reached our limit. We will continue to do our best.

If that does not provide the computory resources that you expect, I hope that this article provides an adequate explanation for the shortcomings in room 204.

Coffee House Etiquette

by Julie Godin Nat'l IV

The weekly Coffee House is a pleasant and popular get together at the law school. It is a chance to relax and forget your troubles, and to spend some time with your fellow students.

However, those of us who manage and staff these events sometimes feel as though our clientele has been raised by wolves (to borrow a well known Sklarism). Thus, I think it is important to issue a gentle reminder of what Coffee House is all about.

First of all, it is entirely managed and staffed by student volunteers. Each Coffee House happens only because your fellow students choose to spend some time serving beer. For this reason, I ask

everyone to show a minimum of politeness and consideration when dealign with the folks who pour you drinks. We are not as efficient as professional bartenders, it's true, but we do our best. The fact that we are behind a makeshift bar for a few hours does not mean that we wish to be abused.

Furthermore, because Coffee House is a student undertaking, we can't have full service catering. We try to vary the fare from week to week, but we can't offer every snack know to man. Nevertheless, we sometimes have free food, which is graciously donated by a club or group—notwithstanding the feeding-frenzy that usually takes place. People have been known to complain that this free food is not exactly to their liking! Needless to say, the proverbial magic words are

rarely heard.

Coffee House has usually taken place in the Common room because the Powers That Be allow us to use it for this purpose. Take note, however, that continued use of this room is contingent on our behaving like intelligent life forms. It is not, to quote our Dean, a "motel for truckers," and some effort should be put into keeping the Common room clean. Putting garbage in its place instead of grinding it into the floor would be a nice start. Helping clear out the room when it's time to pack up would also be appreciated.

This may sound pretty basic, but a little respect and cooperation can go a long way to ensure that Coffee House continues to provide cheap fun for all!

GREEN SPACE

by Susan CLarke, BCL III

Ready for some environmentally friendly tips? This week's suggestions deal with cheap and simple ways to replace those harsh chemicals in your home.

For instance, you probably already have a bowlful of baking soda in the fridge to keep food odours down. Now try it as a drain cleaner: plunge out that backed-up sink, pour some boiling water into the drain, followed by 1/4 cup baking soda and then 1/4 cup vinegar. Presto!

Or try this classic window and mirror cleaner: 3 tablespoons vinegar and 1 litre warm water. For best results, use

newspaper to shine afterward (as opposed to paper towels - you know why).

For other cleaning jobs, try salt on a sponge to clean your bath tubs, sinks and other enamelled surfaces. That baking powder you used earlier also works well as a toilet cleaner. By the way, putting a birck in your toilet tank while you're at it will conserve lots of water each time you flush.

You can reach McGill QPIRG at 398-7432 for additional information. And stay tuned to the Green Space for other environmental news, courtesy of your Environmental Law Association!

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Coin des SPORTS Corner

by Lori Knowles, LL.B. III

In this issue, we tearfully bid goodbye to some of our best intra-mural teams. We also celebrate the thrill of victory with those few teams who moved up in the ruthless playoff climb.

Softball: Mens': Regal Legals: I was there. I saw it. I wasn't supposed to be. Quarter finals: Victory was sweet for these men. Hilites include: stellar outfield performances from Seth «the Sethster» D. and a bench-like effort from «Smoothie Blue» whose tag at the plate was without a doubt the T.S.N. turning-point. A first inning tape-measure shot from Scott Hobbs, I mean Henderson, was supreme. Onwards toward the coveted mug goes the gang.

Co-Rec: Les Misérables and the Outlaws squared off in a battle of the legally insane. Les Miz really came together as a team yet they were no match for the veteran Outlaws. Edsell M. exceeded his usual dose of adrenaline and couldn't be stopped from running down foul balls. Brian F. placed a lovely hit directly into the glove of a surprised Lori K. and J.P.P. got bored of staying on first base, so he left. Congrats to Scott and Kurt who made it this year despite their Halloween bash the night before [if a little worse for wear].

Outlaws: Our first playoff victory was against our own kind, and then it happened. We stumbled in the third, we fell, we lost. We were playing math students, how could we lose? Yet we did. [Yes, there is a note of anguish in my voice]. The Outlaws got sloppy in one inning, and our fate was sealed. We lost by one run. On a personal note, a teary adios to our fourth-year buddies. Thanks for two great seasons. We'll miss you next year!

Basketball: Mens': Jane's memory: Call it Slaughterhouse 3: «We kicked butt» they said. And so they did, 43-17. The high point was a long reverberating echo of «Alain's face job of a weak opponent. All ball». He led scorers with 16 and while «Freedom Hughes» added 9. The team is looking forward to a beer at Les Pins very soon.

Men's Flag Football: The Dregs of Humanity deservedly made the playoffs with a solid record of 2-2-1. However, the players emphasized the fact that these two losses were at the hands of last year's finalists. In fine «prime time» style, the boys won their quarterfinal game, 8-7; defeating the two-time returning champs. Go figure! Ted S. actually sacked the QB; Dave W. surprisingly ran the length of the field on a kick-off; the team intercepted a pass! Go figure! Alain S. even completed a pass... or ten; Brian S. performed his same old, «down and out» routine; Chris N. may have had the audacity to taunt the opposing team. Next week, it's the final four. Go figure!

Soccer: Mens': <u>Kickbacks</u>: These guys were DYN-O-MITE! They are first in their division with a 4-0-1 record. Jacques N. was great for a first time goalie and these gents will definitely be one of our best chances for «gold» [okay, a plastic mug] in the playoffs.

Hockey: Mens': AA: Law AA suffered its fourth defeat of the season, falling to a collection of dumbells who referred to themselves as "roadkill"» by a score of 6-2. Highlights included rookie Paul M.'s

first career goal. Said Paul: «I want the puck! Gimme the puck!». The other goal was had by a slightly altered Rob M. The team has pledged to provide Tommy, their beleaguered goalie, with better play, as soon as their sweaters arrive.

Ultimate Frisbee: California Raisins: This is an obituary. The guys let us down. Our team initially consisted of 4 women and 2 men [the other team was overjoyed and extremely cocky]. What the hell! We gave them a run for their money. Our whiny opponents couldn't match our spirits and kamikaze style. The Raisins couldn't match their cleats, height or fresh second line. Hey, we lost with style. We made them sweat for it, and isn't that what counts?! Mike W.'s dive for death defied the «mud snakes» that generally hindered our progress. Slip-slidin' away...

John Wayne Award of True Grit: Howard L. of the now defunct Force Majeure sofball team. Liebo dislocated his shoulder sliding into second base, which in and of itself is impressive, but he gets the award as the team was down 17-1 at the time.

This week's column is a sports and leisure corner. Hallowe'en party [the 2nd annual] best costume award: George A. «before» and «after». However, the postdiet, serious pumpage George is definitely more sexy!

Good luck to those teams continuing in the playoffs! And remember, never side with the underdog... Kanolies.

